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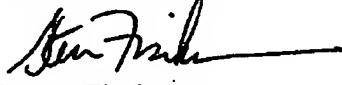Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Official Action, Claims 1-20 which are present in the above-captioned application have been subjected to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

    I.    Claims 1-10, drawn to a interconnect structure, classified in class 257, subclass 758.

    II.    Claims 11-20, drawn to a method of making a ceramic diffusion barrier, classified in class 438, subclass 15+.

As indicated, and in order to be fully response to the restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-10, and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application i.e., Claims 11-20.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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